

House File 2472

H-8304

1 Amend House File 2472 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. BROADBAND EXPANSION AND RETENTION —
5 INTERIM STUDY.

6 1. The legislative council is requested to
7 establish an interim study committee relating to the
8 expansion and retention of broadband and broadband
9 infrastructure in targeted underserved areas of
10 the state. Aspects of the study shall include but
11 are not limited to reviewing broadband availability
12 maps or data sources and identifying and evaluating
13 financial and tax-related incentives to encourage and
14 facilitate broadband infrastructure installation.
15 The committee shall obtain input from a variety of
16 stakeholders including but not limited to urban and
17 rural communications services providers, businesses
18 and residents located in or doing business in targeted
19 underserved service areas, federations or organizations
20 primarily focused on rural Iowa, school districts, and
21 state, county, or municipal governing bodies, boards,
22 agencies, offices, and commissions.

23 2. The committee shall be composed of eight members
24 of the general assembly. Four members shall be members
25 of the senate, two of whom shall be appointed by
26 the majority leader of the senate, and two of whom
27 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
28 senate. Four members shall be members of the house of
29 representatives, two of whom shall be appointed by the
30 speaker of the house of representatives, and two of
31 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
32 house of representatives. The interim study committee
33 shall be scheduled for two meeting days.

34 3. The committee shall issue a report to the
35 general assembly containing its findings and
36 recommendations by January 1, 2015.

37 4. For the purposes of this section, unless the
38 context otherwise requires:

39 a. "Broadband" means a high-speed, high-capacity
40 electronic transmission medium that can carry data
41 signals from multiple independent network sources by
42 establishing different bandwidth channels and that
43 is commonly used to deliver internet services to the
44 public.

45 b. "Broadband infrastructure" means the physical
46 infrastructure used for the transmission of data
47 via broadband, including but not limited to any
48 equipment, systems, switches, routers, wire, cable,
49 satellite, conduits, servers, software, technology,
50 base transceiver station sites, or other means

1 of transmission or communication. "Broadband
2 infrastructure" does not include land, buildings,
3 structures, improvements, or equipment not directly
4 used in the transmission of data.

5 c. "Targeted underserved service area" means
6 a United States census bureau census block located
7 in this state, including any crop operation located
8 within the census block, within which no communications
9 service provider offers or facilitates broadband
10 service at or above twenty-five megabits per second of
11 download speed and three megabits per second of upload
12 speed.>

13 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and
14 inserting <An Act providing for the establishment of
15 a broadband expansion and retention interim study
16 committee.>

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